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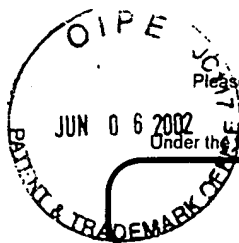
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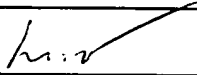
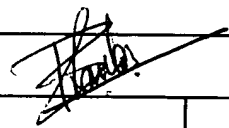
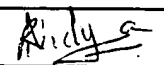
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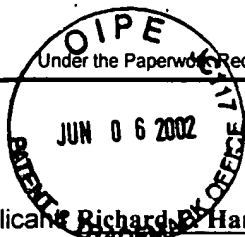
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Applicant: Richard D. Hammons

Application No.: 10/066,251 Filed: January 31, 2002

Entitled: Network Security Through Configuration Servers in the Fabric Environment

Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation

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